

HB 854 -- VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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This bill allows health care providers to contract with the Department of Health and Senior Services or a governmental contractor to provide volunteer health care services to uninsured and underserved individuals. The provider shall be considered an agent of the state for purposes of sovereign immunity while acting within the scope of the contracted duties which comply with the requirements outlined in the bill. The contract will cover all employees of the provider also with respect to the health care services delivered in connection with their employment.

Providers shall provide written notice to each patient served under the contract stating that they are acting as an agent of the state with respect to the services provided and that the exclusive remedy for injury or damage suffered while receiving services is by commencement of an action under the provisions of Chapter 537, RSMo, relating to torts and actions for damages.

The department shall establish a quality assurance program to monitor services delivered and shall annually report to the General Assembly, summarizing the efficacy of access and treatment outcomes with respect to providing health care services for low income patients.